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SUBJECT: ARGENTINE POSITION RE PANAMA NEGOTIATIONS

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1. AT LUNCHEON SEPTEMBER 3, AMBASSADOR FIGUERERO, SECRETARY PRO TEM OF MFM AND GOA EXPERT ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, TOLD POL COUNS THAT WHILE PANAMA ISSUE NOT OF GREAT INTRINSIC IMPORTANCE TO ARGENTINA, GOA FELT OBLIGED BECAUSE OF NEED FOR LA SOLIDARITY TO MAINTAIN VERBAL COMMITMENT TO SPEEDY AND SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS. HE ADDED THAT NO MATTER HOW ARGENTINA MIGHT FEEL ABOUT IT, ISSUE HAD POTENTIAL FOR REAL DAMAGE TO US-LA RELATIONS IF NOT SETTLED. SEVERAL OTHER FOREIGN MINISTRY GUESTS AGREED, INDICATING THAT WHILE THEY UNDERSTOOD NOT MUCH LIKELY TO BE DONE UNTIL AFTER US ELECTIONS, THERE WOULD THEN HAVE TO BE SATISFACTORY SOLUTION IF SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES WERE TO BE AVOIDED.

2. FIGUERERO INDICATED ARGENTINA HAD AGREED TO INCLUDE PARAGRAPH IN COMMUNIQUE ENDING VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTER ESCOVAR SALOM'S VISIT WHICH WOULD CALL ON US AND PANAMA TO REACH SOLUTION THAT WOULD PUT END TO CONFLICT (SEE SEPTTEL FOR REPORT ON COMMUNIQUE).

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